[Mr Joseph Vithayathil.]

(*b*) the result of such enquiry, if any; and

(*c*) the steps taken by them to relieve the distress of the people?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 16 deaths were reported besides loss to plantations.

(*c*) Committees have been constituted in both the taluks and requisite funds are being placed at their disposal.

Malayalam Text Books.

31. ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Malayalam text books prescribed for the English school classes during the years 1115 and 1116;

(*b*) the respective authors of each of those books?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the Gazette (Education Sheet) dated 9th May 1939, for the Malayalam text books prescribed for the year 1939-40 and that, dated 23rd April 1940 for the Malayalam Text Books prescribed for the year 1940-41.

Divisional Treasuries.

32. ✻**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before them to increase the number of Divisional Treasuries; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such Treasuries to be established?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the Financial Secretary's duties*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Working of the Treasuries.

33. ✻**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have recently separated Treasuries from the control of the Revenue Department;

(*b*) the purposes of such separation; and

(*c*) additional expenditure, if any, to be borne by Government resulting out of such change of control?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To enable the Finance and the Audit Departments to have a closer control over the Treasury accounts and to develop the audit on new lines.

(*c*) Nil.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have taken steps for reducing the number of individual audits?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will please repeat the question.

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